

PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: AME-08122

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Jeffry D. Watkins, William D. Huse, Alain P. Vasserot, David Marquis, and Eric Smith, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR," have invented certain new and useful improvements as described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: Methods of Optimizing Antibody Variable Region Binding Affinity
Filing Date: 10/30/03 Serial No.: 10/697,399

WHEREAS, Applied Molecular Evolution, a California corporation, 3520 Dunhill Street, San Diego, California 92121, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention and application and in any Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money paid to ASSIGNOR by ASSIGNEE and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, and ASSIGNEE's successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for United States Letters Patent, and any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, including any divisions, renewals, continuations in whole or in part, substitutions, conversions, reissues, prolongations or extensions thereof, said interest to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNOR had this assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent.

ASSIGNOR further agrees that ASSIGNOR will, without charge to said ASSIGNEE, but at ASSIGNEE's expense, cooperate with ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of said application and/or applications; execute, verify, acknowledge, and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof; and perform such other acts as ASSIGNEE lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in said ASSIGNEE, or ASSIGNEE's successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has hereunto signed ASSIGNOR's names to this Assignment on the date indicated below.

Jeffry D. Watkins
Jeffry D. Watkins Date

William D. Huse
William D. Huse Date

Alain P. Vasserot
Alain P. Vasserot Date

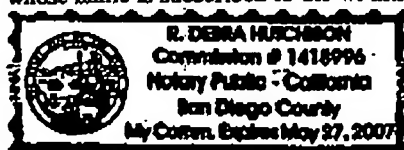
David Marquis
David Marquis Date

Eric Smith
Eric Smith Date

STATE OF California
COUNTY OF San Diego ss.

On this 2 day of March in the year of 2004, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared the above-named ASSIGNOR, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same.

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R. Debra Hutchison
NOTARY PUBLIC